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Applicant(s):	Hitoshi Kanazawa, et al.	Examiner:	Susan W. Berman
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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

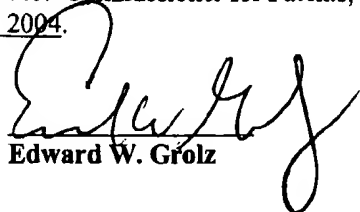
Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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